

GARFIELD COUNTY



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Garfield County, Utah

County Seat:

PANGUITCH

Population (2010 Census):

5,172

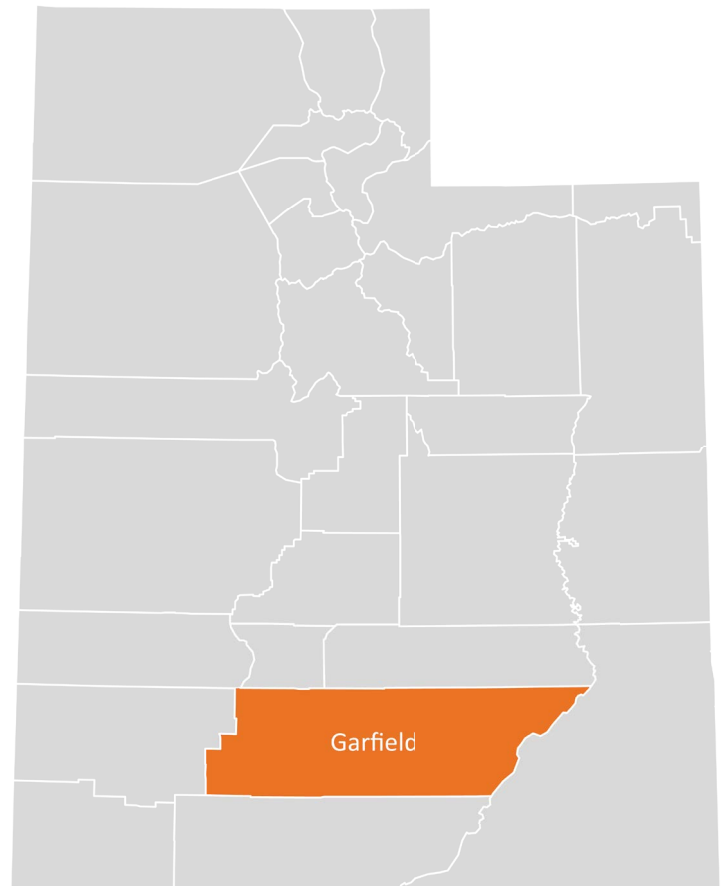
Towns:

ANTIMONY, BOULDER, BRYCE CANYON CITY, CANNONVILLE, ESCALANTE, HATCH, HENRIEVILLE, PANGUITCH, AND TROPIC

Unincorporated Areas:

PANGUITCH LAKE, TICABOO, MAMMOTH CREEK, WIDSTOE AREA

Garfield County is located in South Central Utah and named after former President James A. Garfield. The County's western border lies between Cedar Breaks National Monument and Panguitch Lake. To the east, the Colorado River and Lake Powell form a natural boundary. Garfield County is **5,175 square miles**, making it larger than the combination of three U.S. States: Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Land in Garfield County is about **98% state and federal owned**, and about **2% privately owned**. Garfield County is the fifth-largest county in Utah based on land area.



GARFIELD COUNTY ECONOMY

The largest industry in Garfield County is **Leisure/Hospitality at 47%**, primarily due to the close proximity of Bryce Canyon National Park, three state parks and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.



47%

*Leisure/Hospitality:
Parks, Motels, Hotels,
Restaurants, etc.*

22%

*Government Jobs:
County, State, Federal
Land Managers, etc.*

12%

*Trade
Transportation
Utility*

9%

*Education,
Health and
Social Servies*

2%

Manufacturing

2%

*Professional
and Business
Services*

2%

Construction

4%

Other

GEOGRAPHY

The largest lake in the county is Panguitch Lake, 15 miles southwest of Panguitch. There are an additional **50-60 small lakes** on the Boulder and Escalante Mountains.

The Henry Mountains, in the eastern part of the county, is home to the only free-roaming and huntable herd of American bison in the 48 contiguous United States. Today, **over 200 bison roam** the lower benches of the Henry Mountains.

The Escalante River System was the last to be discovered in the lower 48 states. It is named after Father Escalante who, with Father Dominguez, explored southwestern Utah looking for a route from Santa Fe to California.



AGRICULTURE

Agriculture is another important part of Garfield County. With **14,000 head of cattle** in Garfield County, livestock and forage production is important economically. Livestock producers work on very small margins due to increased regulations and reductions of livestock on public ranges and a high potential for drought.

TEMPERATURES

Temperatures fluctuate within the year and within each day. Altitudes in the area range from **5,000-9,000 feet**, so temperatures can be anywhere from **60-80 degrees Fahrenheit** in the summer months and **40-60 degrees** in the winter months.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS

Garfield County is home to portions of three of Utah's five national parks, Bryce Canyon National Park, Capitol Reef National Park and a small part of Canyonlands National Park. There are also three state parks, Kodachrome Basin State Park, Escalante Petrified Forest State Park, and Anasazi Museum State Park. These, along with Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, are all diverse landscapes. Two national scenic byways traverse through Garfield County: Scenic Byway 12, Utah's All American Road, and Scenic Byway 143, Utah's Patchwork Parkway. Additional scenic attractions include the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (North Lake Powell) and miles upon miles of national forests.

In recent years, people from all over the world have come to visit an area with a large concentration of scenic wonders and recreational activities. Garfield County also hosts incredible events in each community, offering a glimpse at the history and heritage locals value.



Bryce Canyon National Park



Capitol Reef National Park



Anasazi Museum State Park



Kodachrome Basin State Park



Scenic Byway 12



Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument



Garfield County was home to young Butch Cassidy, the famous outlaw.



The Quilt Walk Festival in Panguitch celebrates the history of how Panugitch was once settled. Pioneers laid down Quilts under their wagons to transport flour from nearby Parowan so the wheels would not sink in the snow. They did this during their trip over the mountain, saving the community from starvation.



The most famous rock formation in Bryce Canyon National Park is called Thor's Hammer - did you know these rock formations are called hoodoos?



Wagons represent the pioneer's Hole-in-the-Rock expedition. The pioneers blasted and carved their way through the rock. They transported 250 wagons and over 1,000 head of livestock down through this narrow pass.



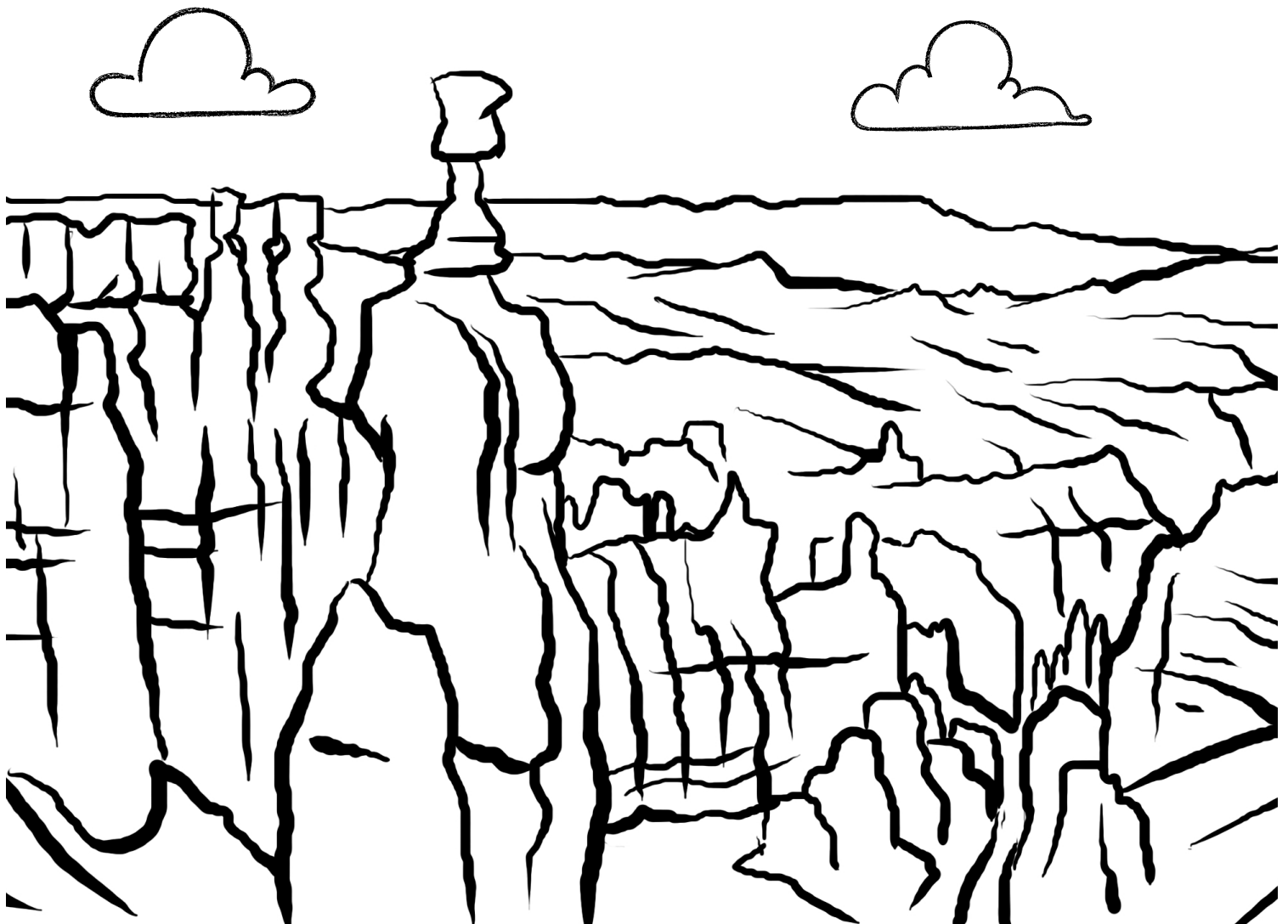
Did you know Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is a hub for some of the most recent dinosaur discoveries in the world?



Boulder was one of the last areas in the United States to receive mail by mule in 1935.



BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK



WORD SEARCH

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